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Filing Date	August 7, 2001
First Named Inventor	STEFAN WIGGER,
Art Unit	1742
Examiner Name	Harry D. Wilkins, III
Attorney Docket Number	033713.003

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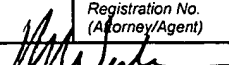
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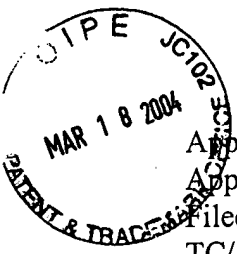
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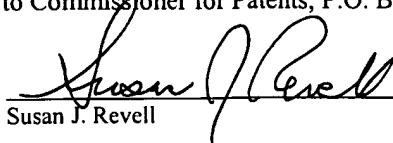
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